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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1. BIOGRAPHY OF PRESIDENT FORD. PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES A 12-INCH BIOGRAPHY WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT FORD WHICH BRIEFLY SURVEYS HIS CAREER AND STRESSES HIS FIDELITY TO THE COURSE OF THE LAST THREE YEARS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. PRAVDA EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE WORKING MEETING IN VLADIVOSTOK WILL MAKE A NEW CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING RELATIONS AND DEVELOPING MUTUALLY-PROFITABLE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND US AND WILL FOSTER FURTHER RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

2. BREZHNEV'S ARRIVAL IN VLADIVOSTOK. ALL PAPERS RUN LARGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF BREZHNEV'S ARRIVAL IN VLADIVOSTOK AIRPORT FROM Khabarovsk ON NOVEMBER 22. BREZHNEV AND PARTY WENT BY TRAIN TO HIS RESIDENCE NEAR THE CITY. THE PRIME EVENING NEWS SHOW ON TELEVISION--VREMYA--DEVOTED THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES TO COVERING BREZHNEV'S ARRIVAL AT VLADIVOSTOK AND HIS JOURNEY BY TRAIN TO HIS RESIDENCE. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A TWO-MINUTE REVIEW OF THE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PRESS OPINION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT.

3. FORD'S ARRIVAL IN SEOUL IS GIVEN FOUR LINES IN IZVESTIYA AND IS OMITTED FROM PRAVDA.

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4. COMMENTARIES ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS. IZVESTIYA AND SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA CARRY COMMENTARIES ON THE SUMMIT AND ON THE US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. BOTH EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE AND THE CONTRIBUTION THE MEETING WILL MAKE TO IT. BUT BOTH ALSO CRITICIZE THOSE IN THE US WHO ALLEGEDLY TRY TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THE SOVIET UNION.

Q. IZVESTIYA COMMENTATOR V. MATVEYEV SEES THE SUMMIT AS A SIGN THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO FURTHER THE DETENTE PROCESS. HE EMPHASIZES ONE PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF SALT IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND SETS THE SOVIET POSITION: "WE ARE FOR AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PREVENT A FURTHER RACE IN STRATEGIC WEAPONS, BOTH IN THE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE ASPECT, IN CONDITIONS OF RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF RECIPROCITY AND OF NOT DOING HARM TO OUR SECURITY." MATVEYEV CRITICIZES THOSE WHO SEEK TO EXTRACT UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND--IN AN IMPLICIT REJECTION OF THE MFN-EMIGRATION LINKAGE--HE SAYS THAT THE USSR IS READY FOR AN INCREASE IN ECONOMIC TIES ON THE BASIS OF BZMUTUAL BENEFIT, EQUALITY, AND RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF EACH SIDE."

B. SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA COMMENTATOR V. SOLDATOV STRESSES THE NEED FOR THIS "UNPLANNED" SUMMIT IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR ANNUAL SUMMITS SO THAT THE LEADERS CAN ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT. SOLDATOV GIVES MORE COVERAGE THAN MATVEYEV TO THE ENEMIES OF DETENTE IN THE US WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO MAKE VARIOUS CONDITIONS WHICH THE SOVIETS MUST MEET IN ORDER TO "SHOW GOOD FAITH". HE CITES THE AMERICAN PRESS ON THE "SUBVERSIVE" ACTIVITY OF THESE CIRCLES WHICH HAVE INTENSIFIED THEIR EFFORTS SINCE THE CHANGE OF PRESIDENTS AND ARE NOW TRYING TO MAGNIFY INEVITABLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SOLDATOV WRITES THAT ATTEMPTS TO FRIGHTEN ORDINARY AMERICANS AND TO PLANT DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF DETENTE HAVE NOT CEASED. CONCERNING TRADE, HE ASSERTS THAT ONLY THOSE HOLDING OBSOLETE IDEAS AND THOSE FOLLOWING SELFISH AIMS OPPOSE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE.

3. SURVEY OF FOREIGN PRESS ON SUMMIT. PRAVDA'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BORIS STREL'NIKOV ASSERTS THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF AMERICANS FAVOR THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT AS ANOTHER STEP IN THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS. SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD AND HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT ARE BOTH QUOTED ON THEIR RECENT FAVORABLE

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MAIL. SJJEL'NIKOV NOTES THAT SOME VOICES OPPOSE DETENTE, BUT HE FAILS TO NAME ANY. THE MILITARY NEWSPAPER RED STAR RUNS A SHORT TASS INTERVIEW OF CHARLES YOST IN NEW YORK WHO SAID THAT, GIVEN GOOD WILL, THE USSR AND US CAN REACH NEW AGREEMENTS AIMED AT STOPPING THE DANGEROUS ARMS RACE. A PITTSBURGH INTERVIEW OF THE EDITOR OF A STEEL WORKERS UNION NEWSPAPER EMPHASIZES THAT TRADE WITH THE USSR WILL PROVIDE WORK FOR AMERICANS. THE MOSCOW CITY EVENING NEWSPAPER VECHERNYAYA MOSKVA FRONT-PAGES A FOREIGN PRESS REVIEW, CHIEFLY OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, WHICH GIVES IN ONE-LINERS THEIR HOPES FOR PROGRESS IN DETENTE, REDUCTION OF THE ARMS RACE, AND THE CREATION OF A FOUNDATION AT VLADIVOSTOK FOR FURTHER SOVIET-AMERICAN CONTACTS.

6. JACKSON ATTACKED. A TWO-PAGE SPREAD ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THE WEEKLY ZA RUBEZHOM (#48) INCLUDES AN ATTACK ON THE JACKSON AMENDMENT AND SENATOR SKHWEIKER'S AMENDMENT ON EX-IM BANK CREDITS TO THE SOVIET UNION. BOTH WERE TERMED HARMFUL AND DANGEROUS AS WELL AS "COULD WAR OBSTRUCTIONISM" BY RAY PASNIK, EDITOR OF STEEL LABOR, IN AN INTERVIEW GIVEN TO THE NEW YORK WORLD MAGAZINE AFTER PASNIK'S TRIP TO THE USSR AND REPUBLISHED IN ZA RUBEZHOM.

7. PALESTINIAN DEBATE. THE TASS COVERAGE IN PRAVDA OF THE UNGA DEBATE IS CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER SOVIET REPORTING; IT EXPRESSES STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PLO BUT TWISTS ARAFAT'S SPEECH TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF HE RECOGNIZES THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL. THE TASS PIECE NOTES THE WIDE SPREAD SUPPORT IN NEW YORK FOR THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM AND FOR "THE EARLIEST RESUMPTION" OF ITS WORK.

8. U.S. SHIPS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. PRAVDA DESCRIBES A NEW DELHI PROTEST MEETING AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF US AND CENTO NAVAL FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A VIOLATION OF THE UN DECISION TO TURN THE REGION INTO A ZONE OF PEACE. PENTAGON PLANS TO TURN DIEGO GARCIA INTO A MAJOR BASE ALSO COME IN FOR CRITICISM.

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